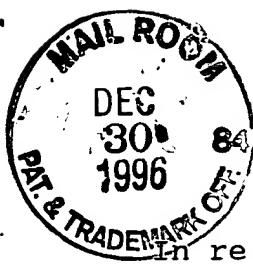


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Richard HERTZOG et al.

Application No: 08/601,879

Group Art Unit: 1205

Filed: February 15, 1996

Examiner: J. Reamer

For: DECOMPOSITION OF CUMENE OXIDATION PRODUCT

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
AND REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE FINALITY OF THE OFFICIAL ACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

JAN 14 1997

Sir:

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In response to the Official Action, mailed August 28, 1996,
made final, please amend the above-identified application as
indicated hereinafter. A petition for a one month extension of
time is enclosed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) The method in accordance with claim 9 wherein
the acidic acid is sulphuric acid and wherein the amount of excess
acetone is 40 percent acetone relative to the acetone produced
during the reaction.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, entry of the foregoing
amendment and withdrawal of the finality of the Official Action,
mailed August 28, 1996, are respectfully requested.

Limitations from claim 28 have been inserted into claim 11.
Support for this amendment may be found in the present

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